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LITTLE LIFTERS.

"Bear ye one Another's Burdens."

Did you know my darling children There was work for you to do, As you tread life's flowery pathway, 'Neath skies of brightest blue? Your tiny hands so feeble, May powerless appear, But they often lighten burdens The strongest scarce can bear.

You all are "Little Lifters," Who with loving zeal will try To help the weak and weary, And dry the tearful eye; And though you lift but little, Faint not, but lift again, The hardest rock is worn By the constant dripping rain.

And when you sing to baby, Till he gently falls to sleep; Or comfort little sister, Till her blue eyes cease to weep; Or tie up Johnnie's shoe strings, And shielding her from care.

And when father, fired and weary, Comes home to rest at hight, Draw up for him the easy cleair, And make the fire burn bright, Though small the deeds of kindness, And low the words of love, The recording augel writes them In glowing lines above.

Then love and help each other, For to you this charge is given, And in lifting other's burdens, You lift your souls to heaven.

SELECTED STORY.

From "Our Fireside Friend." A STUDENT'S STORY.

BY S. READE BROCKTON.

Yes, medical students once in a while have an adventure. Sometimes it is no more than a shy flirtation with the rosycheecked damsel across the way, who rewards our pantominic devotion by throwing us shy kisses from the pink tips of her taper fingers. Then again, it may be a student's quarrel, a hasty challenge, and, mayhap, if the parties have not the good nature or moral courage to settle the dispute before-hand, a veritable duel conducted with all due secreey, and usually ending in two shots' fired at random, a reconciliation, and strict preservation of the whole occurrance from the surveillance of the College Faculty. Or, as in the instance I propose to relate, one may be visited by a terrible experience, such as comes to a man only once or twice, in a whole life-time-to some, perhaps never.

Our University at the time to which I refer, was a comparatively new institution, and the medical department in its infancy; though through the efforts of certain liberal and enterprising men of note in our profession, was making rapid strides in the way of advancement, and competition with older and more firmly established colleges of learning.

At that time I was beginning my junior year, and looking eagerly forward to my hard-earned diploma. At the conclusion of my two years' of laborious study, it was my design to pay especial atten tion to the two branches, anatomy and surgery; but unfortunately for my desired researches, our death of "subjects" gave little opportunity for those practical experiments, without which theory, though at one's tongue's end, is but a sorry recompense.

I suppose it seems to many persons a dreadful thing to dismember a defunct body with the dissecting knife. Bless you! I understand all that! Have been through it myself. Indeed, at the time of which I speak, a horde of old superstitions haunted my heels whenever I took prying land-lady or curious chamberthe scalpel in hand.

However, I appeal to those whose prejudices are the strongest against the practone upon which we were to make the tice; is it not a greater kindness towards attempt. In case of surprise or disturbour brother man, if we acquire such skill ance, we were to make our way back with as experience alone can give, through the all possible dispatch, hasten quietly to medium of a senseless corpse, than to go our lodgings and feigh ignorance of the out into the world trying our bungling whole transaction.



experiments on living subjects, who must linger in suffering, perhaps die, because we lack that knowledge of the human system, and skillfulness in surgery, which dissecting alone could have taught us?

Has it ever occurred to your mind, that the eccentric gentleman who, on dying, willed his body to a scientific institution, served as truly a missionary purpose as he who crosses the ocean to spend his life in ministry among the beathen?

But to return to my narrative. It was just at the time of our greatest privation, when we had sent far and near to procure n subject, and found from fertheoming that some of the class brought intelligence of a body which had, that very afternoon been interred in the cemetery adjoining the town. It was the body of a man, and the death had been a sudden one, though from no contagious disease. The limited illness, as it would leave the system very nearly in its natural condition, rendered it the more desirable for scientific pur-

Under ordinary circumstances, such an act as despoiling a greve would never have occurred to any of us, at least with a view of carrying it out. Indeed, there was a law in the college forbidding it, under a heavy penalty; but taking in consideration all the previously cited circumstances, you will preceive how strong a temptation confronted us! Of course we were bound to the utmost seereey, and could profit by the use of our "forbidden fault" only in the privacy of our indivilual apartments. This was plainly understood in the beginning.

By twos and threes, we straggled together, uttering low comments and suggestions, until twelve of our number had assembled. Together we repaired to the lodgings of a classmate, where, secure from eavesdroppers, or interruption, a unanimous vote decided in favor of obtaining possession of the body.

Three of our number were deputed to procure it, and as no one volunteered they were selected by lot. Nine blanks and three crosses were put into a hat. I was the first to draw, and brought out a cross; then came two blanks, and a cross for Dick Rivers, otherwise called the "Blow-hard!" four more blanks, and the third cross fell to a tall, strapping fellow by the name of Matthew Middleton.

We were instructed to raise the body, about the hour of midnight, and convey it cautiously, through an unfrequented by-way as far as Lynn street, and conceal it in a closet adjoining the bachelor apartments of one of our class, where no maid might spy out our secret. The coming evening was decided upon as the

Our undertaking would be attended with no particular risk, as there was but one house in the immediate vicinity to the cemetery, and that the dwelling of the sexton, a man well into years and nearly deaf, as was also his housekeeper, familiarly known as Goody Dent.

At ten o'clock, according to appointmen', I repaired to our rendezvous, and found my two companions awaiting me. We carried between us, a spade, a rope, a chisel, a lantern, and a large, heavy cool sack, in which to wrap the "subject." The night was cloudy, and we picked our silently through the dark streets, now and then flashing a ray from our lantern, on the path ahead.

Arriving at the cemetery, wefound the gate sesurely fastened, but easily vaulted over the enclosure. The tomb stones deamed dull and white through the murky gloom. A violent wind which had risen with the setting of the sun, soughed over the tall grass and shook the willowbranches until they lashed each other, as in a blind fury. We pressed closely together, reassuring ourselves by low-spoken jests and light conversation.

Our informant had been able to describe the exact locality in which the difficulty we found our way to the freshly heaped mound of earth which marked the new-made grave. Resolutely we set to work, using the spade in turn, until at length it struck, with a dull thud, upon the coffin lid. After that we proseeded with more care, and less speed, until the whole top of the coffin was bare. This Middleton announced in a strange whisper.

"Come out of it then," was Rivers quick response. "Your two-hundred ounds, avoirdupoise will smash the whole concern!"

We drew Middleton out, and I held the lantern, while Rivers, who was much slighter, but very muscular, descended threw it back.

"Mahomet and all the prophets!" was his somewhat irreverent exclamation, started. Peering down, with Middleton over nav him snugly.

"The whole lid has got to come off!" said Rivers lugubriously. "Nothing less ening the rope to the arms and across the was the matter." shoulders, Rivers climbed up to the edge of the cavity, and united hisstength with

pull and tug as we might, we could not you see that strip of linen out yonder, raise our burden above a half reclining that Goody Dent has out bleaching? position.

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"Come, Brock," put in Middleton, "you are the slighest; just you go down. ioosen the old fellow's feet, and give us a Aft under his shoulders; that's a good fellow."

I did not much relish the idea of so close proximity to my "Norwegian friend as we dubbed the corpse: but ashamed to reveal my latent cowardice, sprang readily down, and moving the feet, planted myself immediately under the suspended body preparing for a vigorous boost. - Casting my eyes upward, I saw that the moon, just broken loose from the clouds, threw a broad beam of light athwart the grave. At the same instant, the distant townclock began on the stroke of twelve.

A quick exclamation sounded from above, followed by a violent concussion; which showed me more stars than ever at one time spangled the heavens. Then I heard rapid, departing footsteps, and all was silence. I came to a speedy realization of my position. I was fast wedged into the bottom of the coffin, under the full weight of that ponderous corpse. My cowardly classmates had been frightened away, leaving me to combat alone the terrors of my frightful situation.

A hand of ice seemed closing about my perspiration broke from every pore. In agony of terror I strove to free myself from my loathsome prison: but in vain. I was exceedingly slender in person, and muscular force was proportionately weak. Under the most advantageous circumstances I could have lifted scarcely one half this weight; now I had fallen in a particularly awkward position, which, besides being extremely painful, made resis-

I shricked in the extremity of my terevery nerve until the tension snapped, and utterly exhausted, I was powerless to move hand or foot.

I counted the seconds as they resolved themselves into minutes, and the minutes as they progressed towards hours. I recalled the faces of friends, some that I had not seen for years. Vague and indistinct images came and went before my mind's eye, becoming gradually dimmer corpse had been deposited, and with little and fainter, until blank unconsciousness euveloped my strained faculties in merciful oblivion.

> "Thank heaven, old fellow, that you are yet alive. Come, let's hurry up. We must be gone from here, before any one is stirring."

"The-subject?" I queried faintly. "Will remain where it lies, until Gabriel blows his horn" cjaculated Rivers. "You see," began Middleton, shame

facedly, "Rivers and I got a right smart scare, just when you went down into that grave, and the moon shore out so bright. We happened to look benind us, before making ready for that last pull, and I tell you it was enough to make a fellows hair stand on ends; that sight we saw. with rope and chisel. I noticed the coffin It was long and white, and came rolling was a very large one, and nearly seven over the ground, making all kinds of feet in length. He unscrewed the lid and motions and antics, and just then the clock struck for twelve; we called down to you to let out for home, and then we

"Never dreamed but what you were shoulder, I beheld the massive head, and tight to our heels, 'pon honor, didn't!' giant shoulders of a man in the prime of broke in Rivers. "Never once though of life; his features indicated Norwegian such a thing as your getting caught in descent. Large as was his coffin it fitted that kind of a trap! After we got out, and found you not following, we concluded you was playing off brave, and had sneaked home some other way, to get a will begin to answer." After some dili- trick on us. So we went right to your gent work with the chisel, he lifted the rooms, to wait for, and find you out. But lid to one side, setting it up edge-wise. when it got nigh morning and you didn't The corpse was all of six feet height, and come, we got frightened enough about would weigh-at a rough guess-two you, and waked up Roberts and Willis hundred and seventy-five pounds. Fast- to go back with us and find out what

"But the gost?" I shuddered, endeavoring to sit up and look about me.

"Here we are I' was his confident asser- Roberts, who having finished his work, oxen in a meadow.

tion; but there came some obstruction and, | came up convulsed with merriment. "Do Well, you know the wind was a parfect gale, and it blew up the cloth and sent it rolling along, and these fellows mistook it for a grave-yard specter. Ha! Ha!

One Hundred Years Ago.

One hundred and ten years ago there

was not a single white man in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana or Illinois. Then, what is the most flourishing part of America was as little known as the country around the mysterious mountains of the moon. It was not until 1767 that Boone left his home in North Carolina, to become the first pioneer settler in Kentucky. The first pioncer of Ohio did not settle until twenty years ago. Canada belonged to France, and the population did not exceed a million and a half of people. A hundred years ago the Great Frederickof Prussia was performing those grand exploits which have made him immortal in military annals, and with his little monarchy was sustaining a single contest with Russia, Austria and France,... the three great powers of Europe combined. Washington was a modest Virginia Colonel, and the great events in history of the two worlds in which these heart, checking its pulsations. A cold great but dissimilar men took leading parts were then scarcely foreshadowed. A hundred years ago the United States were the most loyal part of the British Empire, and on the political horizon no speck indicated the struggle which, within a score of years thereafter, established the great republic of the world. A. hundred years ago there were but four newspapers in America! Steam engineshad not been insigined, railroads and tance doubly difficult. Exert myself as telegraphs had not entered into the re-I would, I was unable, in the least degree, motest conception of men. When we to obtain release. of history, we find that to the century ror. I cred aloud until hoarseness mus just passed has been allotted more imfled my voice to a whisper. I strained portant events, in their bearing upon the happiness of the world, than almost any other which has elapsed since the creation .- [DAKOTA ADVERTISER.

The Wonders of the World.

This world of ours is filled with won-

ders. The microscope reveals not less than the telescope, each at either end of creation. In the insect creation, particularly, there is so much to know that has never been dreampt-wheels within. wheels, without computation or number. Let us take a rapid glance at the proofs of the statement. The polypus, it is said, like the fabled hydra, receives new life from the knife which is lifted to destroy it. The fly spider lays an egg as large as itself. There are 4.041 muscles in a enterpiller. Hooke discovered 14,000 in the eye of a drone; and to effect the respiration of a crap, 13,300 arteries, wessels, veins, bones, etc., are necessary. The body of every spider cotains four little masses pierced with a multitude of imperceptible holes, each hole permitting the passage of thread; all of which threads to the amount of 1,000 to each mass join together when they come out, and make the single thread with which the spider spius its web; so that what we call a spider's web consists of more than 4,009 united. Lenwhenock by means of microscopes, discovered spiders no bigger than a grain of sand, and spun threads so fine that it took 4,000 of them to equal in magnitude a single hair. Lenwhenock tells us of insects seen with the microscope of which 27,000,000 would only equal a mite. Insects of various kinds may be seen in the cavities of a common grain of sand. Mold is a forest of beautiful trees, with the branches, leaves, flowers and fruit. Butterflies are fully feathered. Hairs are hollow tubes. The surface of our bodies is covered with scales like fish; a single grain of sand would cover 150 of these scales, and a single scale covers 500 pores; yet through these narrow openings the sweat forces it self out like water through a seive. The mite makes 500 steps in a second. Each drop of stagnant water contains a world of animated beings, swimming with liber-"Oh! that is the joke of it," laughed a colony of inserts grazing on it like ty as a whale in the sea. Each leaf has